


# Chesapeake

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-15 and 28-39 are now pending in the subject application.

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**For Prior Application**

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Specification:**

This application is a divisional of application Serial No 09/358,734, filed July 21, 1999, currently allowed, which is a divisional of application Serial No 09/057,121, filed April 8, 1998, now U.S. Patent 5,969,110, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/453,943, filed May 30, 1995, now U.S. Patent 5,738,844, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/240,124, filed May 9, 1994, now U.S. Patent 5,516,658, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/161,132, filed December 3, 1993, ~~currently pending~~ now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/114,426, filed August 30, 1993, ~~currently pending~~, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/109,745, filed August 20, 1993, ~~currently pending~~ now abandoned,

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 2, 4, 6 and 16-27 without prejudice.

7. (amended) An isolated DNA encoding a fusion protein comprising a hek-L polypeptide that binds hek, and an Fc polypeptide, wherein said hek-L comprises an amino acid sequence that is at least 80% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of amino acids 1-202 of SEQ ID NO:2 and amino acids 1-160 of SEQ ID NO:4.

15. (amended) A process for preparing a ~~hek-L polypeptide~~ fusion protein, comprising culturing a host cell transformed with a vector according to claim 11 under conditions promoting expression of ~~hek-L~~ said fusion protein, and recovering said fusion protein ~~the hek-L polypeptide~~ from the culture.